RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) ; There is a rule which says that ordinarily Travancoreans only should be appointed. That is what the answer says.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Torala*) : May I know from the member whether in accepting that rule it has any effect upon Travancoreans seeking appointments outside Travancore ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I have no information on the point.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether Government can give certain instances in which they have appointed persons who are not Travancoreans when there were no candidates available in Travancore for the post ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I think I can give some instances. Recently Government appointed a Rubber Expert on Rs. 500 per mensem. There is no Travancorean qualified for that post.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know whether there is any exception to this rule with regard to the appointment of non-Travancoreans ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : In exceptional circumstances Government have to appoint non-Travancoreans.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know what are the conditions which necessitated exceptional deviation from the rule and is there any uniformity with regard to that at least ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Whenever Government find that there is no proper man available in Travancore, they get the services of an outsider.

Half-fee concession in schools.

13. ***MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the name and designation of the officer or officers who attend the half-fee concession meeting at various taluk committees representing the girls' schools branch of the education department ;

(*b*) whether Headmasters and Headmistresses of Vernacular Schools are authorised to represent their respective schools in the taluk committees ; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, the names of the persons who represented in such meetings ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*) : (*a*) i. Tahsildar of the taluk, &

ii. Headmasters or Headmistresses in the case of English Schools and Middle School Sections in Vernacular High and Training Schools and Assistant Inspectors or Assistant Inspectresses in the case of Vernacular Middle Schools.

(*b*) 'Yes' in the case of Vernacular High and Training Schools and 'No' in the case of Vernacular Middle Schools.

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(*c*) This question does not arise since the reconstituted *ad hoc* committees have not yet met to make awards.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : May I know from the member, in answer to part (*b*), whether in the recent half fee concession meeting, any Head Mistress of Vernacular Middle Schools represented that school on the committee ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*) : Head Mistresses of V. M. Schools are not eligible to sit as members of the Fee Concession Committee.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : My question is whether any such Head Mistress represented a particular school in the committee meeting ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*) : I am not aware. But I shall certainly look into the matter.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : May I know from the member who represented Todupuzha V. M. School for Girls this year ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*) : I claim notice.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*) : May I know who are the persons authorised for representing schools in the *ad hoc* committees ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*) : That is given in part (*a*) (ii) of the answer. The awards have to be finally approved by the Divisional Inspectors or by the Inspector of Girls' Schools as the case may be.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know, who recommended the reconstitution of Half Fee Concession Committee ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*) : The Advisory Board made a recommendation to the Director who in turn addressed Government.

Building for the V. M. School for Girls in Nedumangad.

14. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) how long it is since the V. M. School for Girls in Nedumangad Town is put up in a rented building ;

(*b*) whether the department has not acquired a site for the construction of the school building

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, when was it acquired ;

(*d*) what the delay in constructing the school building is ;

(*e*) whether any estimate has been called for for the construction of the building ; and

(*f*) if the answer to part (*e*) is in the affirmative, when was it called for and what is the estimate amount ?

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